2670. [*Transfered to the 26th March, 1992*].

Civic Amenities in Slums of Bombay

2671. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have received a request from Government of Maharashtra for issuing no objection certificate for providing civic amenities to slums on Central Government Land in Bombay; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and decision taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Government of Maharashtra has asked for issuance of no objection certificates for providing civic amenities in 113 slums situated on Central Government lands in Greater Bombay. The present policy of the Central Government is that the State Government may provide at its own cost basic amenities on Central Government lands excluding slums at either side of the runway at Bombay airport which cause bird menace, hutments within 30 ft. of the railway tracks, Defence lands where vital installations are to be located and lands which are not required by the land owning departments for their immediate use after securing a no objection certificate from the concerned Central departments. On the basis of the aforementioned policy, the decison regarding the issuance of a no objection certificates is to be taken by each of the Central Departments concerned.

Maintenance of Parks in Connaught Place by New Delhi Municipal Committee

2672. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports which appeared in some columns of Press on 26th February, 1992 indicating that New Delhi Municipal Committee has been neglecting maintenance of Central Park in Connaught Place;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to ask New Delhi Municipal Committee to take effective steps to ensure that maintenance of Central Park in Connaught Place is not neglected henceforth; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and it not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Statement is enclosed. (*See* below).

(c) and (d) The N.D.M.C. has already initiated steps for the maintenance of the Central Park in Connaught Place. Details are as per enclosed statement-II.

Statement-I

The salient points mentioned in press report under reference ars as under:—

1. The condition of the Central Park, Connaught Place is eyesore in the form of large bald patches of ground in between green grass, dead leaflets trees, unkempt hedges and shrubberies.

2. Hardly a few flowers can be seen in the entire sprawling park. The flower beds skirting the footpaths and on outer margin of the park present a pathetic sight with only dry earth and no plants in them.

3. Last year 21 experts and environmentalists had recommended, *interalia*, greelling of inner circle by planting useful and health providing trees like Jamun, ber, neem and ashok instead of usual landscaping gimmickry of grass mounds and concrete planters. They had also

observed that vine-covered pathways would facilitate walking in Summer and monsoons.

4. Cleaning of litter and garbage is not carried out regularly.

5. Central music system is out of order.

6. Channel music to be provided in the corridors of the inner circle.

7. The big fountain in the centre of the park not operated regularly.

8. A number of smaller fountains are dry gathering dust and litters and are out of use. The glass of the lights in them is broken.

9. Drinking water not available. Though a number of taps have been provided, these are in the state of dis-repair.

Statement-II

The following steps are being taken by the New Delhi Municipal Committee to improve the conditions of the Central Park—

1. Path repair of the grassy lawns has been done.

2. Some of the leaf-shedding trees are giving ugly look but they are yet to sprout. However, the dry and dead trees have been modified suitably to provide base to ornamental creepers.

3. The flower beds are being taken care of properly and some more flower beds are being prepared for summer flowers.

4. The plantations as sugegsted is in progress befitting and suiting with the landscape of the area.

5. Cleaning of litter and garbage has since been streamlined and is being carried out.

6. The position of the central music system and the channelled music is being reviewed.

7. The fountain in the centre is being regulated properly.

8. The position of smaller fountains is being rejuvenated.

9. Adequate quantity of drinking water is being made available.

New Scheme of promotion in C.P.W.D.

2673. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a new scheme of promotion in the nature of 'Personal Promotion' has been introduced in C.P.W.D. w.e.f. 1-1-91 providing next higher grade of pay in the scale of Rs. 2000/3500 to Junior Engineers and Sectional Officers (Horticulture) on completion of 15 years of service;

(b) whether any provision of reservation for SC/ST has been made in the new scheme; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) It is a fact that Junior Engineers/Sectional Officers (Horticulture) in the CPWD, who could not be promoted to the post of Assistant Engineer/Assistant Director (Horticulture) in the scale of Rs. 2000—3500, due to non-availability of vacancies in that grade will be allowed the scale of Assistant Engineer/Assistant Director (Horticulture) on a personal basis after completion of 15 years of total service as Junior Engineer/Sectional Officer (Horticulture). This takes effect from 1-1-1991. This personel promtion will be given on fitness basis. As and when regular vacancies in the Cadre of Assistant Engineers/Assistant Director (Horticulture) arise the Junior Engineers/Sectional Officers (Hor-